



Act of Parliament anent registra- tion of Seafings: 1600



IN the Parliament haldin at *Edinburgh* the fifttene day of Nouember, the zeir of God, Ane thousand sex hundreth zeiris. OVR SOVERANE LORD and Estatis of Parliament, for eschewing of fallsets, and for securitie of all the Lieges, Statutis and ordaines that in all time comming, All instruments of Seasing, Reversions, Regres, Bands or promises for giuing of Reversions or regres, Discharges of Reversions, Assignations to Reversions, Intimations of the samin, Renunciations of wodsettis, and graunts of Redemption, quhilkis fall not be registrate in the buikes of Councell and Session, with- in fourty dayes next after the making and perfiting of the samin, (exceptand alwaies Seafings of Burrowland, halden in frie burgage, giuen vpon Resignation made in the Bailzies hands, conforme to the act of Parliament.) Be insert and registrate in the regi- sters presently appointed to that effect, within the foresaidespace of fourtie dayes after they be perfited, vtherwaies to be nul, and to make no faith in judgement, nor out-with.

And the said nullitie to be receaued by way of exception. And the saids Registers for the greater ease of the Lieges, to be established in particular places following. That is to say, ane in the towne of *Kirkwall* in *Orkney*, for the haill inhabi- tants and land lyand within the shirefdome of *Orkney* and *Shetland*. Ane in the burgh of *Inverness*, for the shirefdome of *Inverness* and *Cromartie*. Ane in the burgh of *Elgin*, for the shirefdome of *Elgin*, *Forres* and *Narne*. Ane in the burgh of *Aberdeen*, for the shirefdomes of *Aberdeen*, *Baunf*, and *Kinkardin*. Ane in the burgh of *Dundie*, for the shirefdome of *Forfar*. Ane in the burgh of *Perth*, for the shirefdome of *Perth*, and Stewartrie of *Stratherne* (exceptand the stewart- try of *Menteith*.) Ane in the burgh of *Striveling*, for the shirefdome of *Striveling*, *Clakmannan*, and Stewartrie of *Menteith*. Ane in the burgh of *Comper* in *Fyfe*, for the shirefdome of *Fyfe* and *Kinross*. Ane in the burgh of *Edinburgh*, for the shirefdome of *Edinburgh* principall, and Constabularie of *Haddingtoun*. Ane in the burgh of *Linlithgow*, for the shiref- domes of *Linlithgow* and *Bathcat*. Ane in the burgh of *Lawder*, for the shirefdomes of *Berwick*, *Roxburgh*, *Selkirk*, *Peibles*, and bailzerie of *Lawderdsill*. Ane in the towne of *Hammiltoun*, for the shirefdome of *Lanrick*, (exceptand the burgh and barronie of *Glasgow*) Ane in the towne of *Glasgow*, for the barronies of *Glasgow* and *Renfrew*. Ane in the burgh of *Dum- bertane*, for the shirefdomes of *Dumbertane*, *Bute*, *Argyle*, *Arrane*, and *Tarbet*. Ane in the burgh of *Air*, for the shirefdome of *Air*, and bailzeries of *Kyle*, *Karrick*, and *Cuninghame*. Ane in the burgh of *Wigtoun*, for the shirefdome of *Wigtoun*. Ane in the burgh of *Dumfries*, for the shirefdome of *Dumfries*, and Stewartries of *Kirkcubright*, and *Annandall*. Or ony vther place or places mair convenient, as the keepers of the saids Registers fall thinke maist expedient, dew intimation being made to the lieges of the samin: and the saids evidents to be registrate in the particular buikes appointed for ilk shirefdome, as said is. And to the effect the said office may presently and in all time comming be the mair faithfully ad- ministrated, STATUTES and ordaynes the samin to be annext and incorporate with the office of Secretarie: and the foresaids registers to be called the registers of the Secretary in all time comming. And that the Secretare present, and to come, haue the said office as ane proper part and pertinent of the said secretarie: make and constitute particular de- puties, ane, or mae, for all the dayes of their lifetime, or vtherwayes as he fall thinke expedient, in euery ane of the places foresaides, of gude fame, literature, and conuersation, for quhome he fall be answerable, and quha fall be resident within the saids townes and burghes: ready at all times to receaue from the parties their evidents, and to registrate the samin within the space of twenty foure houres, next after the receit thereof. And deliuer to the presenter of the samin, their e- vidents marked by him, with the day, moneth, and zeir of the registration, and in what leaf of the booke the samin is re- gistrate: and sal take allanerlie for his paines, the sowing of threttein shilings and foure pennies, as for the price of ilk leaf of his register, written on baith the sydes. And according thereto, fall take proportionally for registring of euery ane of the saids evidents. And the saids registers to be filled by the saids deputies, to be marked by the Secretare or his deputies to be appointed by him for that effect, with ane note of the particular number of the leafes that the samin fall contene. And the saids registers after the filling of the samin, to be reported to the said Secretare, to remaine with him, and to be patent to all our Souerane Lords lieges that fall haue adoe with the samin. The extract of the quhilk register fall haue as great faith and strength, as gif the originall were shawin, except the parties hauing entres to oppone against the saids wrytis, offer to improue the samin by way of action or exception. In the quhilk case the pairty purchaser of the saids e- vidents, and vthers hauand entres to defend the samin, fall be holden to produce the principall and originall, norwith- standing that they be registrate, as said is: and that nane of the saids evidents be of force, strength, or effect to ony inten- tion, but to be null, and of nane auall, except the samin be registrate, as said is. It is alwayes prouyded by the tenour of this present act for remedy of the negligence of parties, that if the principall wrytes marked and registrate as is aboue written, be not lifted by the producers, within the space of thrie moneths after they be marked and registrate, as said is, that the saids Clarks fall be na mair countabill for them, nor the wrytes produced repute as registrat, except it may be sufficiently verified by authentick instruments, the non-deliuering of them to haue bene in the Clarks default. And that letters of publication be direct heiruppon in forme as effeirs. *Extractum de libro actuum Parliamenti, S. D. N. Regis, per me Magistrum Ioannem Skene, Clericum rotulorum Registri, ac Consilij S. D. N. Regis, sub meis signo & subscriptione manualibus.*

Sic subscribitur, Ioannes Skene Cler. Regist.